

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 27 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that all prior art rejections be withdrawn. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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